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In re Patent Application of)

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For: POWDER METAL COMPOSITION AND)
METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
COMPONENTS THEREOF)

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Ngoclan Thi Mai

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 20, 2005, Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group I (i.e., powder composition of Claims 1 to 7, and 13 to 18).

It is respectfully pointed out that the subject matter of method Claims 8 to 12 and 19 to 22 could be conveniently prosecuted in the same Application in spite of the different classification that is indicated in the Official Action. The search of the prior art would appear to be coextensive. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to use her discretion under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and withdraw the restriction requirement since the search and examination of all claims could be accomplished without serious burden. Such examination is urged to make possible increased efficiency for all concerned.

The examination and allowance of all claims respectfully are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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